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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

U.S. DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NO

MISC. 3:11mc192

IN THE MATTER OF

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**RULES OF PRACTICE AND** 

ORDER

PROCEDURE IN THIS COURT:

For good cause appearing to the Court,

## IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The Local Rules of Practice and Procedure in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina are hereby amended and adopted effective at 12:01 A.M. on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2012. At that time these amended local rules shall supersede the existing Local Rules theretofore in effect, and shall apply to all pending cases, unless the Court finds that the application of the amended local rules in a specific case would result in injustice or hardship.
- 2. The amended local rules are adopted in compliance with and pursuant to the authority of Rule 83, Fed. R. Civ. P.; Rule 57, Fed. R. Crim. P.; and other federal rules and statutes providing for district court local rules. The amended local rules are adopted after having provided the public and the bar with an opportunity to comment.
- 3. The amended local rules supplements the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure as necessary in all matters in the United States District Courts for the Western District of North Carolina. Where applicable, this amended local rule also supplements the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy. In keeping with the spirit of the Federal Rules, the amended local rules are designed, and will be construed and administered, to enhance speed and flexibility, control expense, and direct the efforts of all involved to the ends of justice.

4. The Clerk is directed to make appropriate arrangements to see that the amended rules are published promptly and that copies of the amended local rules are made available for distribution to the bar and the public.

This 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

š/Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr., Chief

United States District Court Judge

s/Martin Reidinger
Martin Reidinger

United States District Judge

s/Max Q. Cogburn,

Max O Cogburn, Jr

United States District Judge

Richard L. Voorhees

United States District Judge

s/Frank D. Whitney

Frank D. Whitney

United States District Judge

Graham C. Mullen, Senior

United States District Judge